



Handout 2.1

ADMINISTRATION TOOLS AND MEDICATION LABEL REQUIREMENTS

Administration Tools

Administration tools, such as dosing spoons, oral medication syringes, pill crushers and medicine cups should be provided by the parent. All medication administration tools including pill crushers are child specific and cannot be shared with a different child. All tools must be labeled with the child's first and last names.

Over-the-Counter Medication Label Requirements

Over-the-counter medication must be in its original container and be labeled with the child's first and last names.

Prescription Medication Label Requirements

Prescription medication should be in a child resistant container. It must have the original pharmacy label that includes the following items:

- Child's first and last names
- Authorized prescriber's name
- Pharmacy name and telephone number
- Date prescription was filled
- Name of the medication
- Dosage of the medication
- How often to give the medication
- Date the medication is to be discontinued **or** length of time, in days, the medication is to be given

Sample Medication

Medication samples are not dispensed by a pharmacy and will not have a pharmacy label. Medication samples supplied by the child's health care provider must be appropriately labeled with the same information that is required on a pharmacy label. Parents should be aware of this requirement so the child's health care provider can label the samples with the required information.